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Classified By: Dep Pol/Econ Counselor Ramon A. Negron for reasons 1.4 a, b, and d.

11. (C) On September 18, the Australian government received the talking points from State 96550, the President's European-based missile defense decision. The non-paper was delivered to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, specifically: Jennifer Rawson, First Assistant Secretary, International Security Division; Wendy Walsh, Executive Officer, Arms Control Section; and Cameron Archer, Executive Officer, Counter-Proliferation Section (for Gerry McGuire, Director of the Counter-Proliferation Section of the Arms Control and Counter-Proliferation Branch). Archer commented that the Australian embassy had sent the same points earlier that morning. At the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Esther Ray, the personal assistant to National Security Advisor (NSA) Duncan Lewis received the non-paper for the NSA and Angus Campbell, First Assistant Secretary, National Security Division. Australian comments will be sent septel.

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